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SUBJECT: M48A5 TANKS TO PORTUGAL

REF: JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MSG 242350Z MAY 77

1. NOW THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (FRG) HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE M48A5 TANKS TO PORTUGAL AND THE LOA HAS BEEN PREPARED, THE FOLLOWING IS BEING PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3(D) OF THE ARMS
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EXPORT CONTROL ACT, THE PRESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE CONGRESS THIRTY DAYS IN ADVANCE OF HIS INTENTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE TANKS FROM THE FRG TO PORTUGAL AND MUST RECEIVE FROM THE GOP THE STANDARD ASSURANCES AGAINST FURTHER TRANSFER.

3. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT FULFILLMENT OF THESE

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REQUIREMENTS WILL DELAY FINAL DELIVERY OF THE TANKS TO
PORTUGAL, AS THE NOTIFICATIONS TO CONGRESS CAN BE MADE WHEN
THE FRG SIGNS THE LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE RETROFIT OF THE
18 TANKS. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE USEFUL TO
CALL THE CONGRESS' ATTENTION TO THIS SUBSTANTIAL
CONTRIBUTION TO PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION BY A NATO
ALLY.
4. EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED AS TO PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING
THE REQUIRED TRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM THE GOP.
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